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United Nations Security Council reform process

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the aims and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind the United Nations Millennium Declaration[1] of 8 September 2000 adopted by heads of State and Government, in which they resolved to, inter alia, intensify their efforts to achieve a comprehensive reform of the Security Council in all its aspects,

Recalling the resolve of world leaders, reflected in the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[2] to support early reform of the Security Council as an essential element of overall efforts to reform the United Nations in order to make it more broadly representative, efficient and transparent and thus to further enhance its effectiveness and legitimacy and implementation of its decisions,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council, which began its work in January 1994,

Aiming to expand the membership of the Security Council to better reflect contemporary world realities, thereby enhancing the Council's responsiveness to the views and needs of all Member States, in particular developing countries, including island and small States, and ensuring the adoption of improved working methods,

Commending the President of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly for her efforts to achieve a comprehensive reform of the Security Council,

[1] See resolution 55/2.
[2] See resolution 60/1.

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Requests the President-elect of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly to immediately commence results-oriented intergovernmental negotiations, taking into account, inter alia, the following elements for a comprehensive reform of the Security Council, so as to adopt an outcome preferably before the end of 2007:

- Expansion in both permanent and non-permanent categories
- Greater representation of the developing countries
- Representation of the developed countries and those with transition economies reflective of contemporary world realities
- Comprehensive improvement in the working methods of the Security Council, including ensuring greater access of island and small States
- Provision for a review.